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1. IN VIEW OF APPARENT STRONG DESIRE OF GROUP TO COME TO EGYPT, EMBASSY WILLING HOST TEXAS AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT IOGA TRADE MISSION. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER (ALTHOUGH REF. A GIVES NO INDICATION OF IT), THAT GROUP HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON SCHEDULING PROBLEMS THAT VISIT POSES, AS OUTLINED REFS. B AND C.

2. SHIFT OF MISSION ARRIVAL DATE TO MID-OCTOBER, RATHER THAN "LATE SEPTEMBER - EARLY OCTOBER" AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, DOES NOT RESOLVE THESE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES. AS REFTALS NOTE, WE ARE COMMITTED TO BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MISSION, NOW SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH OCTOBER 5. THIS LEAVES LITTLE TIME BETWEEN DEPARTURE OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION GROUP AND PLANNED ARRIVAL OF TEXAS MISSION. WE WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARING FOR LATTER VISIT IN MIDST OF FORMER
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3. IN ADDITION, EGYPT-U.S. JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING IN CAIRO OCTOBER 10 AND 11. ALTHOUGH COUNCIL HAS ITS OWN STAFF, EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL NECESSARILY BE OCCUPIED BY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES TO SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE, AS WILL GOE OFFICIALS. AS USDOC AWARE, THERE IS ALSO AN EXHIBITION FOR AGRICULTURAL AND IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT AT CAIRO FAIR GROUNDS OCTOBER 17-28. THIS EXHIBITION

(IN WHICH USG NOT PARTICIPATING OFFICIALLY) COULD HAVE COME BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON MISSION ACTIVITIES, BUT IT WILL MAKE MORE DIFFICULT ARRANGING ACCOMODATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIALS IF MISSION DATES COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF SHOW.

4. BECAUSE OF TIGHT SCHEDULING INVOLVED, EMBASSY WILL NEED CLOSEST POSSIBLE COOPERATION FROM MISSION PLANNERS, AS WELL AS TIMELY SUPPORT FROM USDOC, IN HANDLING BOTH BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AND TEXAS MISSION. THIS MEANS, AS EXAMPLES, THAT MISSION BROCHURES MUST ARRIVE IN QUANTITY AND ON TIME, AND THAT BOTH GROUPS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COMMIT FUNDS NECESSARY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES FOR ADEQUATE SUPPORT OF MISSIONS' ACTIVITIES. WE HAVE IN MIND HIRE SECRETARY IN LATTER CONNECTION LIKELY NEED TO RECEPTIONIST FOR TEXSS GROUP SUBSTANTIALLY PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL TO ASSIST IN PREPARATIONS.

5. WE WILL BE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON PLANNING FOR MISSIONS IN SUBSEQUENT CABLES. DETAILS ON TEXAS MISSION WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH ADVANCE MAN HARWELL, FOR WHOM WE WILL SET UP SUITABLE PROGRAM.

6. RE HARWELL SCHEDULE, REF. A, OUR INFORMATION IS THAT AITTALIA FLIGHT LEAVING CAIRO FOR KHARTOUM ON FRIDAY, JULY 8 AT 1700 HOURS IS FLIGHT 894 VICE 890 STATED REFTEL. ASSUME HARWELL HAS MADE FIRM RESERVATIONS AT SHERATON. PLEASE ADVISE.

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